

**Minutes****ETHNIC HEALTH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

September 11, 2006

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Cannon Health Building

Room 114

|                   | <b>Committee</b>   | <b>UDOH Liaisons</b>   | <b>Committee Staff</b>   | <b>Guests</b>   |
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| <b>Members</b>    | Aida Santos Mattingley<br>Betty Sawyer<br>Dena Ned<br>Ellen Selu<br>Heru Hendarto<br>Jesse Soriano<br>K. Kumar Shah<br>Leanna Vankeuren<br>Luz Robles<br>Robert Kagabo<br>Sam Folau<br>Shawn M. Jimerson<br>Suri Suddhiphayak<br>Sylvia Garcia Rickard | Patti Fuhriman<br>Elizabeth Heath<br>Melanie Preece<br>Nasrin Zandkarimi<br>Melissa Zito<br>Kathryn Rowley | George Delavan<br>Owen Quiñonez<br>April Bennett<br>Dulce Diez<br>Matt Montoya |   |
| <b>Excused</b>    | Dena Ned   |  |  |   |
| <b>Attendees:</b> | Aida Santos Mattingley<br>Betty Sawyer<br>Dena Ned<br>Ellen Selu<br>Heru Hendarto<br>Jesse Soriano<br>K. Kumar Shah<br>Leanna Vankeuren<br>Robert Kagabo<br>Shawn M. Jimerson<br>Suri Suddhiphayak<br>Sylvia Garcia Rickard                            | Melanie Preece<br>Nasrin Zandkarimi<br>Kathryn Rowley  | George Delavan<br>Owen Quiñonez<br>April Bennett<br>Dulce Diez<br>Matt Montoya | Robert Rolfs, State<br>lead epidemiologist<br>Martha Nelson RN,<br>MSN, SLCC<br>Greg Jaboin, Utah<br>Issues/MHN |

## Agenda topics

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| 1. | Call to order, welcome, introduction | Sylvia Rickard |
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**Discussion:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Sylvia Rickard who welcomed and introduced everyone.

Conclusions: None

Action items: None

Person responsible:

Deadline:

None

None

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| 2. | Review / approval of July 10, 2006 minutes | Sylvia Rickard |
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**Discussion:**

Changes: Betty Sawyer was excused; Shawn Jimerson not "Jimmerson"

**Motion:** Jesse motioned to accept the July 10 minutes with the above changes, Kumar seconded the motion.

**Conclusions:** Motion passed

**Action items:**

Make changes to July 10, 2006 minutes brought before committee

Person responsible:

Matt Montoya

Deadline:

2 wks  
before next  
meeting

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| 9. | MHN August 10 summit | Greg Jaboin |
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**Discussion:**

Greg gave a briefing of the August 10 Multicultural Health Network summit. Approximately 112 people RSVP'd; approx. 72 came with 12 additional walk-ins. The keynote speaker was from Washington D.C. The location was a bit out of the way. Don Greg, of the University of Utah, is doing the evaluations.

**Conclusions:** The summit was a success. The location was a bit out of the way and unaccommodating.

**Recommendation:**

Ensure facilities have adequate accommodations such as bathroom-stalls and air-conditioning.

**Action items:**

None

Person responsible:

Deadline:

## 3. Pandemic/regular influenza season updates

Robert Rolfs  
Nasrin Zandkarimi**Discussion:**

Robert Rolfs—explained what influenza is and gave some statistics. Explained that influenza can change form and cause a pandemic such as in 1918/67/68—however, we don't know when they will occur. The Bird flu found in Asia/Africa/Europe can cause a pandemic; don't know if this particular strain will cause a pandemic. A lot is happening at the Fed/state/local levels to prepare for a pandemic. Noted that we have to be prepared as we can. There are two primary efforts building on the influenza plan from 2005. A Pandemic Influenza Workgroup discusses coordination among agencies, surveillance, communication, containment, what we will need to expect and how to deal with it—will continue to meet into the winter. The other group is a more broad-based governor's task force which convened last week for first time. Credible decision making is a priority of the taskforce. Also discuss who gets the vaccine; the process must be clear and transparent to sustain. Moreover, health care providers search capacity under 1918 scenario—twice as many people needing beds for all the beds available. Support for people who are confined by illness also discussed. Noted that essential community services must stay in place. Discuss antiviral medications (stockpile). Noted that these are tough community-wide issues. Sylvia sits on the Governor's Task Force. There is no way to measure the deaths from influenza in Utah; the last two years they have been tracking influenza hospitalizations. Disproportionately affecting the ethnic/minority communities according to race but the numbers are not very clear. This may be something that once they have will be presented to the committee. They don't want to discourage people from getting vaccinations but this may not be enough in a pandemic.

Kumar asked: what is the disaster plan for industry. ? Robert replied that the maintainment of essential services is; LHDs have been given some monies to create a plan for their respective areas—they are trying to do some planning with individual employers and hope to pull it all together. [www.pandemicflu.utah.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.utah.gov) is their website with checklists for individuals & families, businesses & community and officials and responders.

Dr. Delavan asked if there was a vehicle to get this information out—perhaps the chamber of commerce? Robert noted that they want suggestions on how to get this information out to the communities.

Kumar suggested that middle management vs. CEOs should be informed since they work more with the employees.

Aida asked what kind of alert system do they have? Robert replied that none at the moment but they are ready to go with one; it will happen all over the world and come into our TVs; the problem is not alerting people but communicating what to do.

Nasrin suggested something like the Amber Alert. Robert mentioned that the WHO has an alert system in place.

Betty clarified that it is important to know the communication process at the grass-roots level—using restaurants etc.

Robert encouraged that if we have recommendations to pass them on; Owen is part of the Working Group; Betty is also part of the Gov's task force.

Robert K. expressed the importance to reach out to the common-man because if you don't the chain of communication will be broke. Robert noted that we are all in this together, this will be bigger than any government can plan for; trying to identify windows of opportunity to get information out is important. Preparedness is going to be the same for other natural disasters; they are open to suggestions.

Nasrin—gave the regular flu season update using a power point presentation. October 15 is the date that most clinics will begin providing vaccinations. By the end of September more than 75% of the vaccines will be distributed. Ask around work/school, doctor's office to know when they will be giving the flu shots out. Community health centers/grocery stores are also good places. Immunization Hotline: 1-800-275-0659; or visit [www.immunize-utah.org](http://www.immunize-utah.org) for vaccine information and locator; form information in Spanish you can visit [www.cdc.gov/spanish](http://www.cdc.gov/spanish) Gave some data: 70-90% vaccine success rate; 30-40% success rate if over 55—but 80% less hospitalization rate. Costs are approximately 11.83 for children; no such thing as a flu shot for adults—put aside 25-30 dollars each year for a flu shot. By last day of September there will be a brochure available to distribute to the group. Distributed "Racial and ethnic disparities in Influenza-associated hospitalizations 04-05." Community Nursing Services can come and give flu vaccines for community members i.e. at a health fair.

**Conclusions:**

It is important to stay informed so that you can be prepared.

**Action items:**

Get brochures out to EHAC as soon as they are available

Person responsible:

CMH

Deadline:

Upon availability

Keep EHAC informed on the latest developments of the Pandemic Influenza Working Group and the Governor's Pandemic Flu Taskforce

EHAC members who serve on either

At the Nov. 13, 2006 meeting

Send recommendations for the Pandemic Influenza Working Group and the Governor's Pandemic Flu Taskforce to cmh@utah.gov

EHAC members

None

## 7. New members

Sylvia Rickard

**Discussion:**

At-large members have not yet been approved by Dr. Sundwall.

There is one vacancy for the Black/African American community; Betty and Robert are pleased to recommend Doriena for the vacant seat.

Robert K. is impressed with the connection that she has with the community.

Dr. Delavan asked for clarification on whether or not she was a UDOH employee because this may pose a conflict of interest, however, Dr. Sundwall may feel differently. Dr. Delavan recommended that if we feel she is a qualified candidate to go ahead and recommend her and go from there.

Aida asked for more clarification on how much of a conflict of interest is this concern.

**Jesse moved to submit her resume, Aida seconded. Motion passed. This is contingent upon approval from Dr. Sundwall**

**Conclusions:**

Doriene Lee is a qualified candidate to represent the Black/African-American community on EHAC

**Action items:**

Send memo to Dr. Sundwall for his consideration of Doriena as a new appointee to the EHAC.

Person responsible:

Matt Montoya

Deadline:

Prior to the next meeting

Check status of request to approve new At-Large members

Matt Montoya

Prior to next meeting

| 4. EHAC Recommendations & CMH Website  |                     | April Bennett                |               |                     |           |                                   |          |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>April showed the committee our website and showed them the EHAC section. Showed them the recommendations of the EHAC. Mentioned that the 05/06 recommendations were voted on by the committee through a survey monkey; if there was a 2/3 approval rate then it was put on the final recommendations list. Wanted to talk about how the group feels about the process since this is a new process and this is the first time we've done this. Stated that we are trying to improve on the process.</p> <p>Jesse, said that he was OK with the process but questioned the statement "program managers are not obligated to follow the recommendations" this may lessen legitimacy: <b>Jesse motioned to delete this, Kumar seconded it. Motion passed</b></p> <p>Kumar suggested removing the word "Generally" from CC section, and "they do not pull away from national speakers"</p> <p>April stated that 6 individuals out of the group had to agree which was actually more than a 2/3 majority. Suggested that the members check the action items on a regular basis.</p> <p>Kumar suggested putting a FAQ section on the left-hand menu.</p> <p>April stated that we need events for the calendar.</p> <p>Sylvia recognized April Bennett for the work that has been put into getting this website together.</p>   |                     |                              |               |                     |           |                                   |          |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <p><b>Conclusions:</b> None</p>  |                     |                              |               |                     |           |                                   |          |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Action items:  | Person responsible: | Deadline:                    |               |                     |           |                                   |          |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spread the word about the website  | EHAC/CMH            | N/A                          |               |                     |           |                                   |          |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5. UDOH/CMH Update   |                     | Dr. Delavan<br>Owen Quiñonez |               |                     |           |                                   |          |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>UDOH update—Dr. Delavan handed out the list preliminary budget increase issues which the governor will prioritize; also handed out the UDOH EDO priorities. Opened-up for questions. Clarified that this is all new funding on top of what has already been awarded. This is to expand the programs etc. Gave the description between ongoing and one-time funding. Final deadline is September 26.</p> <p>Sylvia asked if it would be appropriate for EHAC to send a letter of support for the UDOH to keep funding CMH; <b>Kumar motioned to propose that we send a letter to the UDOH to appreciate the support and to recommend the continued funding of the CMH, Robert seconded it. Motion passed.</b></p> <p>Clarified that \$150,000 is ongoing/\$97,800 would be on top for the fiscal year 06/07 to specifically do the things Owen handed out.</p> <p>CMH-Owen passed out the wish list for the center. Reviewed banners—group suggested changing the position of the icons and change the size of the fonts in the UDOH logo.</p> <p>MHN status—we are in the process of selecting the CBO that will facilitate the MHN; Sylvia and Betty are on selection committee.</p> <p>Distributed the form for ethnic/community events. Announced that we are in the process for interviewing for the translation/interpretation specialist.; announced the cultural competency project. Wanting to put a video on the website.</p> <p>Kumar suggested that we start putting the videos on a server as a means of training.</p> <p>Jesse suggested that this would be an adjunct to face-to-face training.</p> |                     |                              |               |                     |           |                                   |          |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Conclusions:** EHAC will support CMH in its request for budget increase

**Action items:**

Send out letter to Dr. Sundwall in support of CMH budget increase request

Person responsible:

Matt Montoya

Deadline:

Prior to September 26, 2006

Send out ethnic event prioritization form via e-mail

Matt Montoya

As soon as possible

Make changes to EHAC banner

Matt Montoya

As soon as possible

8. ACS Walk/Run

Sylvia Rickard

**Discussion:**

ACS Walk/Run; Richard Montano mentioned that this would be for our local community; it is not exclusively for the minority communities. Went over where the funds generated will go. Luz Robles is going to have a team. Jesse clarified that Richard's concern was that there would not be representation from the minority community. If you are interested let us know and we will coordinate. **Motion made by Robert to keep the last motion from July 10, 2006 to have an EHAC team.**

Sylvia asked by raise of hands who would be willing to participate.

**Conclusions:** EHAC will still have a team

**Action items:**

Send out information on ACS Walk/Run

Person responsible:

Matt Montoya

Deadline:

Prior to October 1, 2006

Follow-up with EHAC members

Matt Montoya

Prior to October 6, 2006

11. Other Announcements

All

**Discussion:**

Heru stated that the Asian community has some concern about Medicaid part D under Humana; Humana is putting them under their HMO; they are switching them automatically; and some Asians are not becoming aware until they need surgery; suggested contacting the Health Insurance Office; talk to Luz as point of contact. Include this information in the minutes.

Below is the complaint page link for Medicare it is on the Utah Insurance Dept. website. It has instructions and contact information.

[http://www.insurance.utah.gov/complaint\\_inst.html](http://www.insurance.utah.gov/complaint_inst.html)

**Conclusions:**

A complaint needs to be officially made

**Action items:**

Find complaint contact information and include in minutes

Person responsible:

Matt Montoya

Deadline:

Next meeting

10. Adjourn and next meeting

Sylvia Rickard

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Conclusions: Next meeting November 13, 2006

**Action items:**

Send out agenda

Person responsible:

Matt Montoya

Deadline:

2 weeks prior to next meeting

11 Upcoming Events

All

Health fair in the Indian Walk-In Center in October 21

Oct. 20 Cancer/Diabetes Summit at Huntsman

Midvale Health Fair Oct. 14

Mexican Consul Health Fair Oct. 7

Sylvia announced Doctor Victor Cruz; reaching minority populations; working with Dr. Jo, colorectal screening;

**Action items:**

Send out via e-mail

Person responsible:

Matt Montoya

Deadline:

Prior to next meeting